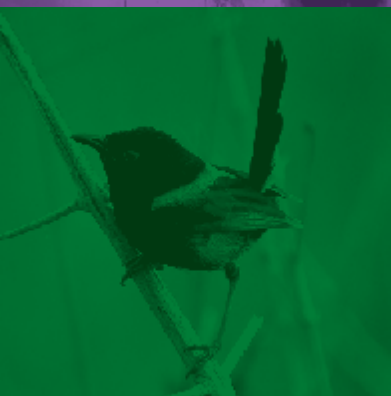




# LOCAL MATTERS

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# NEW STORMWATER PLAN ADOPTED

## Council this month adopted the Lismore Urban Stormwater Management Plan.

This includes almost \$10 million worth of projects over the next decade to address localised flooding hotspots and improve water quality within the city limits.

Projects include community education, policy development, maintenance and on-ground works targeting high-priority localised flooding as well as the installation of stormwater treatment devices to prevent pollutants entering waterways.

## **The 10-year implementation program is funded from Council's general fund and the dedicated Stormwater Management Service charge.**

The plan identifies 43 projects to complete over the next 10 years including several that address localised flooding across Lismore.

The first of these has already been completed, solving a flooding problem in Casino Street, South Lismore, where the gradient on the road was not great enough for water to disperse. Pipes were installed during recent roadworks to create adequate drainage, and the road and local homes are now protected.

Other projects include the Stormwater Stencilling partnership with Rous Water. This involves thousands of stormwater lintels in the urban area being stencilled with a public education message, encouraging people not to pollute waterways.



*Lismore City Council Signs and Line Marking Leading Hand Neil Whiteman and Skilled Labourer Steve Murada (front) with Rous Water Catchment Assets Manager Anthony Acret and Lismore City Council Environmental Strategies Officer Anton Nguyen.*

Council will also create detention basins in East Lismore to address flooding from stormwater runoff from the East Lismore Golf Course during heavy rain, and Browns Creek will be naturalised. This will see the concrete channels that run through Lismore Park planted with natives species, improving water quality as it flows through town to the Wilsons River.

**For a full list of projects, read the Lismore Urban Stormwater Management Plan at [www.lismore.nsw.gov.au](http://www.lismore.nsw.gov.au).**

# BOOK EARLY FOR BIODIVERSITY FIELD DAYS

We are encouraging people to book early for our upcoming Rural Landholder Initiative field days, as the first three events have been booked out well in advance.

Throughout 2016, we are hosting 11 landholder field days for farmers, producers and rural lifestyle landholders. Field days provide information on best practice land management, the benefits of having biodiversity in an agricultural landscape, and biological farming techniques.

Council has worked with rural landholders to undertake projects on 11 rural properties. These are now being used as examples during the field days to illustrate practical measures for land and water restoration. A range of educational materials have also been produced, with a tool for farmers to self-assess whether their practices are dated, common practice, best practice or innovative.



*Tregeagle macadamia farmers Janice and Ernie Taylor.*

We have three workshops coming up in June and encourage interested locals to book early to secure a place. Morning tea and lunch is provided on the day. For bookings phone 1300 87 83 87, or for a complete list of field days coming up in 2016, visit [www.lismore.nsw.gov.au](http://www.lismore.nsw.gov.au).

## Tregeagle Macadamia Orchard and Biodiversity Field Day

*Thursday, 2 June, 9am to 2pm*

**Focus:** Staged removal of woody weeds including camphor laurel to demonstrate 'camphor conversion' methodology and techniques, and revegetation with local native species.

**Who should attend:** Landholders in the Tregeagle, Maron Creek, Chilcotts Grass and Lindendale areas. Also other orchardists with Big Scrub remnants on their property, and those interested in creek rehabilitation and habitat restoration, or the cost and production benefits of enhancing native bushland.

## Georgica Rural Lifestyle Biodiversity Field Day

*Friday, 10 June, 9am to 2pm*

**Focus:** Long-term restoration of ex-grazing land, landscape restoration and habitat connectivity.

**Who should attend:** New and old landholders in the Georgica/Jiggi catchments with questions about practical aspects of ecological rehabilitation and those seeking community support.

## Blue Knob Bell Miner Associated Dieback Management Field Day

*Thursday, 23 June, 9am to 2pm*

**Focus:** Management of bell minor associated dieback (BMAD) through lantana control and understorey revegetation.

**Who should attend:** Landholders in the northern catchments who want to understand actions necessary to mitigate against BMAD and find community support.

*The Rural Landholder Initiative is funded through a \$100,000 grant from the NSW Environment Trust and \$50,000 from Council.*

**ATTENTION: BASE HOSPITAL PARKING**

**CHANGES ARE COMING**



**Lismore City Council is continuing roadworks and the installation of signage and parking meters for commencement of the Lismore Base Hospital Car Parking Strategy in July.**

There are two major changes people should be aware of: time-restricted parking is coming into effect throughout the precinct and we are now installing parking meters for paid parking.

There will be an education period when Council Rangers will have discretion about issuing fines, but we warn residents to heed the signage as this area will be policed to ensure there is parking turnover. Make sure you do not stop on the yellow lines!

Council has timed the works to coincide with the opening of the hospital's new multi-storey carpark to ensure there is cost parity between the carpark and surrounding streets. This strategy was developed in partnership with NSW Health.

Formalised parking around the hospital is also designed to ease congestion for local residents and Council has launched a Resident Parking Scheme so residents who live in time-restricted parking areas can get resident parking permits.

We have now completed roadworks in Dalziell and Dibbs streets to formalise parking. We are currently working in Hunter Street and will then move to Laurel Avenue. These works are being undertaken prior to signage and parking meters being installed.

The Lismore Base Hospital Car Parking Strategy will officially commence on 4 July.

**Council will erect permanent information boards on parking options at main entries to the Lismore Base Hospital parking precinct. Residents and hospital visitors are urged to follow all signage and time restrictions to avoid fines.**

# DRAFT BUDGET ON PUBLIC EXHIBITION

Council's draft Imagine Lismore 1 Year Plan (2016/17 budget) is now on public exhibition for community feedback for 28 days.

The net operating result for the year is a \$14.143 million surplus. Excluding capital revenues (grants and developer contributions) the result is a \$3.447 million surplus.

The 2016/17 budget is \$163 million, which includes \$37.5 million for roads and associated infrastructure, or 23% of the budget.

A total of \$61.257 million in capital works is included in the 2016/17 financial year. This includes:

- \$22 million upgrade of the South Lismore Sewage Treatment Plant;
- \$15.6 million on new capital roadworks;
- \$6.8 million in water main replacements; and
- \$5.3 million for the Lismore Quadrangle project, which includes a new Lismore Regional Gallery.

There is also \$1.3 million for waste sorting machines, around \$700,000 for Lismore Airport improvements and \$380,000 for council/community solar farm projects. Council will also spend \$380,000 on upgrading CBD footpaths – the first of four instalments to refurbish the inner footpath around the CBD block.

In 2016/17, fees and charges will generally increase by CPI. In relation to the typical residential bill, water will increase to \$828 (an increase of \$46 or 5.9%), wastewater to \$855 (an increase of \$47 or 5.8%) and integrated waste to \$293.30 (an increase of \$6.30 or 2.19%).

The general rate (after applying the full rate pegging increase of 1.8% and the Biodiversity Management Strategy special rate variation increase of 1.8%) will increase the average urban residential rate by \$42 to \$1151. This means the average urban residential rate bill would rise to \$3204.

**Submissions on the draft budget must be received by 14 June 2016. Submissions can be made online at [www.lismore.nsw.gov.au](http://www.lismore.nsw.gov.au), emailed to [council@lismore.nsw.gov.au](mailto:council@lismore.nsw.gov.au) or mailed to the General Manager, Lismore City Council, PO Box 23A, Lismore, NSW 2480.**

# PLEASE JOIN OUR COMMUNITY

## PLANNING DAYS

Do you live in the north-west of the Local Government Area? We are looking for residents from Blue Knob, Coffee Camp, Georgica, Jiggi, Larnook, Mountain Top, Nimbin and Stoney Chute to help us create a Community Plan for these areas.

We have two Community Planning Days coming up. We provide a free lunch... we just want you to bring ideas and enthusiasm. Please spread the word!

### Community Planning Day One

**Where:** Jiggi Hall

**When:** Saturday, 28 May

**Time:** 9.30am to 3pm

### Community Planning Day Two

**Where:** Nimbin School of Arts (town hall)

**When:** Saturday, 18 June

**Time:** 9.30am to 3pm

**Please RSVP for the Community Planning Days to Casie Hughes on 1300 87 83 87 or email [casie.hughes@lismore.nsw.gov.au](mailto:casie.hughes@lismore.nsw.gov.au).**





# DEVELOPMENT CONSENTS ISSUED

## ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING AND ASSESSMENT ACT

In accordance with the provisions of Section 101 of the Act and Clause 124 of the EP&A Regulation, notification is given that the undermentioned developments have recently been granted consent.

### **15/90-2** 31 Elton Street, Girards Hill

Section 96(1A) modification to add a deck, add a window, modify windows from timber to aluminium and reduce size of water tank from 2000lt to 1800lt.

### **16/11** 225 Keen Street, Lismore

Alterations and additions including part demolition, internal reconfiguration and external awning.

### **16/14** 32 Acacia Avenue, Goonellabah

Dwelling and retaining walls.

### **16/22** 9 Apo Street, Goonellabah

Retaining wall with a building line variation to 0m.

### **16/28** 345 Tuntable Ralls Road, Nimbin

Dwelling.

### **16/40** 37 Baldock Drive, McLeans Ridges

Two-storey dwelling.

### **16/46** 147 Dawson Street, Girards Hill

Removal of one Cook Island pine and three cocos palms.

### **16/60** 131 James Street, Dunoon

Covered deck.

### **16/77** 43 Leycester Street, Lismore

Restumping of front of dwelling, and demolish and replace existing retaining wall.

### **16/88** 7 Melaleuca Court, Caniaba

Shed.

### **16/93** 17 Pound Street, Lismore

Driveway and carport for disabled access including a lift instalment, excavation for slab, retaining wall, relocation of drain and meter box, and building line variation to 3.75m to Pound Street.

### **16/95** 101 Lodge Road, Mountain Top

Alterations and additions to an existing dwelling including a second storey and an aboveground swimming pool.

Details of applications and consents, together with conditions attached, may be inspected at Council's Corporate Centre during business hours or via DA Tracking at [www.lismore.nsw.gov.au](http://www.lismore.nsw.gov.au).



## T2016-7: LISMORE REGIONAL ART GALLERY

### Refurbishment of C Block and construction of the Quadrangle

Lismore City Council is seeking submissions from suitably qualified companies to undertake the transformation and construction (to the supplied architect design and development consent) of the Lismore Regional Art Gallery. The scope of works includes refurbishment of a former high school building, referred to as 'C-Block', and construction of the landscaped Quadrangle. The redevelopment is located within the Lismore Library and the Northern Rivers Conservatorium precinct on the corner of Magellan and Keen streets within the Lismore CBD.

A compulsory on-site inspection and tender briefing by the architect on the design of the building and precinct will be held on Thursday, 26 May at 10am at Oakes Oval (Gordon Pavilion), Lismore.

Tender submissions close at 2pm on Tuesday, 21 June 2016.

Interested parties are required to register at Council's eProcurement portal [www.tenderlink.com/lismore](http://www.tenderlink.com/lismore) to access relevant documents. Submissions may also be lodged at this site in the electronic tender box.



# MEETINGS, BRIEFINGS AND INTERVIEWS

## COUNCILLOR BRIEFINGS

Councillor briefings are held most Tuesday evenings so staff can provide background on issues or projects and Councillors have a chance to brainstorm and discuss.

On Tuesday, 31 May the agenda includes:

- Rural Landholder Initiative.
- Lismore Lake Pool.
- Service Review.

On Tuesday, 7 June the agenda includes:

- South Lismore Sewage Treatment Plant tender.
- Pineapple Road DA.
- Review of NSW biodiversity legislation.

Both will be held in the Council Chambers from 6pm. All welcome.

## AFTER HOURS COUNCILLOR INTERVIEWS

Councillors are available for interviews on the first and third Monday of each month from 6pm at the Goonellabah Sports & Aquatic Centre.

On Monday, 6 June interviews will be conducted by Councillors Neil Marks and Glenys Ritchie. Interviews must be booked no later than 4pm on Friday, 3 June.

## COUNCIL MEETINGS

An ordinary Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, 14 June.

Items on the agenda include solar farm tenders, Brunswick Street part road closure, South Lismore Sewage Treatment Plant tender and more.

Held in the Council Chambers from 6pm. All welcome.

**For more information about meetings and briefings or to book a Councillor interview, phone Vicki Lollback on 1300 87 83 87.**

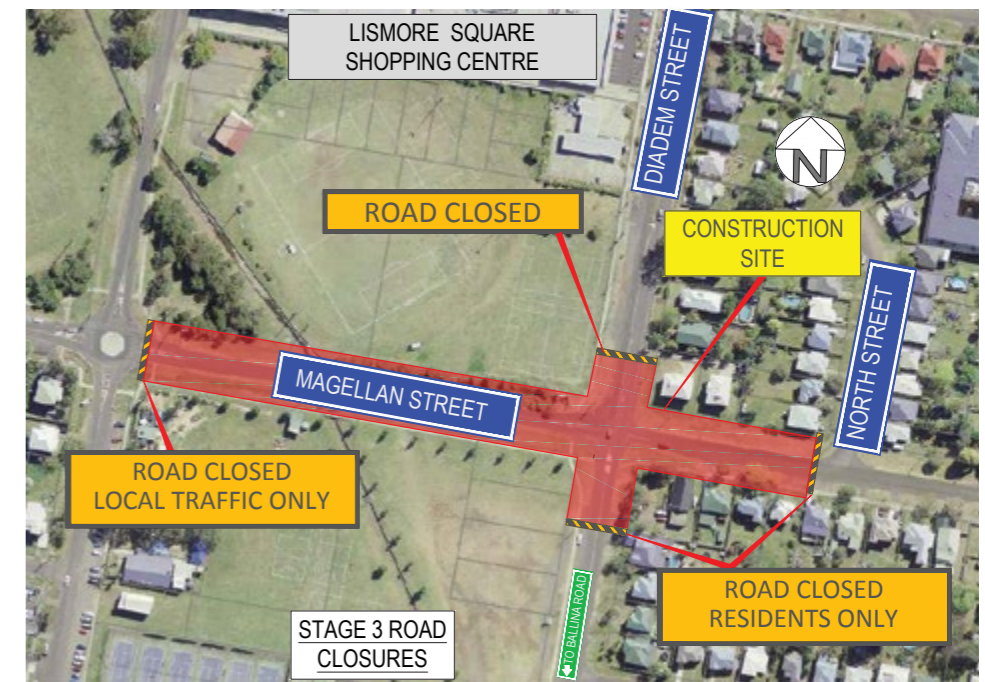


# TRAFFIC ALERT: DIADEM AND MAGELLAN STREETS, LISMORE

## We are at the final stage of building a new roundabout at the intersection of Diadem and Magellan Streets near Lismore Shopping Square.

Just a reminder that traffic control will remain in place and we now have to do a temporary closure of the whole intersection.

This will enable us to prepare the road and lay asphalt around the new roundabout. To do this, the intersection will be closed for two weeks.



Detours will be in place via Brewster Street to the west, Pound and Hunter Street to the east and Uralba Street to the north. Access for local residents will be maintained via adjoining streets.

We apologise for the disruption and will reopen the road as soon as possible. Thanks for your patience everyone.

## RATES REMINDER

**All Lismore ratepayers are reminded that your fourth rates instalment for the 2015/16 rateable year is due for payment on Tuesday, 31 May 2016.**



## JOIN THE SISTER CITY STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAM

We are looking for students, host families and chaperones to be part of our 2016 Sister City Student Exchange Program.

Lismore City Council and Yamato Takada in Japan have enjoyed a sister city relationship for 53 years. This includes the Sister City Student Exchange Program, which enables school students to experience and learn from one another's culture.

We are calling for secondary students to participate in the exchange program during the September school holidays. We also want to hear from people interested in chaperoning the Lismore students to Japan and people who can host the students coming from Yamato Takada in late July.

**Nominations forms are at [www.lismore.nsw.gov.au](http://www.lismore.nsw.gov.au) and the closing date is 14 June.**

## TRAFFIC ALERT: HUNTER STREET, LISMORE, OPPOSITE BASE HOSPITAL

A reminder that roadworks are still underway in Hunter Street to formalise car parking opposite Lismore Base Hospital.

The staged closure of on-street parking will now affect the western side of Hunter Street between its Gaggin Lane and Orion Street intersections. We apologise for the disruption to traffic and parking while we continue roadworks over the next two to three weeks. Please slow down and follow traffic control.

We will follow on from this work by fixing the road in Hunter Street between its Uralba Street and Laurel Avenue intersections. We will keep you informed on this upcoming work.



## BOTANIC GARDENS OPEN DAY

Did you know Lismore has a botanic garden? Have you ever been there and explored what it has to offer?

To celebrate Botanic Gardens Day, the volunteers who created and maintain the Lismore Rainforest Botanic Garden are inviting people to a special open day this Sunday, 29 May. Visitors are welcome to explore the gardens from 10am to 12pm or join any of the following events:

- 10am to 12pm** Discover the new path through the hoop pine forest. Help take small stones to the top to build a new labyrinth.
- 10.15am** Teddy Bear's Picnic in the forest – bring your favourite teddy. Other children's activities for young ones.
- 11am** Official opening of new hoop pine forest. Guided walk of Wilson's Park rainforest species garden.

There will be a morning tea stall by Clunes Preschool and a coffee van on site all morning. There is also a gas BBQ available.

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## YOUR COVER

This is one of our Rangers, Russell Davis, who you may have recently seen featured in *The Northern Rivers Echo*. There is a new weekly column in the paper called *In the Doghouse* with animals you can adopt from the pound. So far three of the four animals advertised have been adopted. Russell is pictured here with his dog Rex, a five-year-old black lab cross. Rex was a stray that Russell took to the pound. He got a tick bite and paralysis began to set in, but when Russell found the owners they weren't able to pay for a vet visit. Russell adopted Rex and nursed him back to health. The two have been inseparable ever since.







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